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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6774**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1235

**DATE PREPARED:** Dec 18, 2000

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Fire and Building Safety Education Fund.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                          **X DEDICATED**  
                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that funds in the statewide Fire and Building Safety Education Fund may be used to provide money to local fire and building inspection departments for enrollment in education and training programs that are approved (rather than administered) by the Department of Fire and Building Services.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2001.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill would allow the Department of Fire and Building Services to use funds on centralized and efficient programs. The Department plans to offer programs on the Internet which could improve efficiency as well. From July 1, 1998, until November 30, 2000, the Fire and Building Safety Education Fund (FBSEF) expended \$92,925 on 27 training sessions. The extent of any expenditure savings would depend on the types of programs approved and the centralization process such as the introduction of web-based seminars.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** *Background:* The FBSEF received \$88,701 from fee revenue over the time period July 1, 1998, through November 30, 2000. Revenue placed in the FBSEF comes from Construction Design Release and Variance filing fees. The current filing fee is \$45. Five dollars of the fee is placed in the FBSEF. Historical fee collections distributed into the FBSEF are provided in the following table:

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Revenue</b>
2000	\$55,381
1999	\$44,790
1998	\$43,633
1997	\$43,260
1996	\$43,765

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** Fees may be charged at the discretion of the Indiana Office of the State Fire Marshall to persons in attendance at a training conference. It is not believed that approved programs offered would alter the fees collected unless action to change fees were taken by the State Fire Marshall.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana Department of Fire and Building Services; Indiana Office of the State Fire Marshall.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Mara Snyder, Indiana Department of Fire and Building Services, (317) 233-5341; Nancy Stevens, Indiana State Emergency Management Fire and Building Services and Public Safety Training Institute, (317) 232-6199; Indiana Auditor of State.